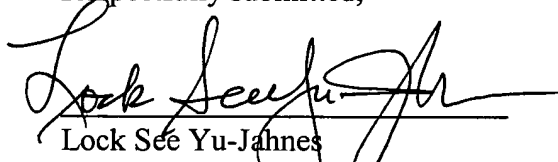


REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7, 11-13, 15, 17-20, 24, and 26-40 are pending in the present application and have been allowed. The present Amendment amends Claims 13, 18, 19, 27, 29, 32, 33, and 36 purely as to formal matters. Applicants respectfully submit that the changes to the claims do not require further search or consideration. Additionally, the present Amendment amends the specification to conform with the drawing changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review mailed December 3, 2002. Corrected formal drawings have been filed herewith. Applicants respectfully submit that the changes to the specification add no matter to the original disclosure. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment is believed proper and is respectfully requested.

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